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## AMERICAN PATE DE FOIS GRAS

Settlement of Bohemians in Wisconsin Town Where the Goose Livers Are Produced.

Persons who read of the tortures inflicted upon geese in France and Germany, where the celebrated pate de fois gras is made, are seldom aware that in one place in our own country the same methods are used to fatten geese for the Hebraic population in New York. In Watertown, Wis., says the New York Herald, there is a settlement of Bohemians where the women pursue this work as the chief industry of the place. The geese are nailed by their web feet to the floors of wooden cages set in dark, warm

They are then fed with all they can possibly eat and when appetite fails they are crammed with noodles made of a dough of corn and buckwheat and forced down their throats with a stick. Every two hours this forced feeding is applied and in a few weeks the bodies of the tortured fowls are distended like pumpkins, the liver alone frequently weighing from one and a half to two pounds, and the geese from 20 to 25 pounds.

They are then killed and plucked by the women, the latter operation being completed before they are really dead, and are shipped to New York city.

Arriving there, they are put in cold storage, where they may remain for months or years. They are esteemed a great delicacy by many persons, and quantities of them are used.

### AN AMERICAN DESERT.

There Is No Cultivated Place on the State Line Between Utah and Arizona.

H. B. Carpenter, a civil engineer who has just completed the survey of the southern line of Utah, says the boundary between that state and Arizona does not cross a foot of cultivated land. It traverses a desert which is cut up by great canyons that are almost impassable. The length of the line is 277 miles.

Landmarks along the line will make it possible for the boundary to be located without any difficulty in the future. Just east of the Colorado river a sandstone butte rises 1,000 feet above the plain, and the very peak of this butte is exactly on the boundary. Mr. Carpenter named the peak State Line butte. Not far from this butte is another, which stands 1,300 feet above the plain, and was named Tow-er peak. These two gigantic stones, says the Philadelphia Record, will always be a guide to persons who have enough curiosity to penetrate the desert in search of the state line.

Drugging Flowers.

Ever since the days of that floral abomination, the green carnation, we have known that flowers are susceptible to influence of drugs and can be made to change their colors by proper, or, rather, improper, treatment. This branch of floriculture has been pursued further by inquiring people, and it seems that plants are as liable to the effects of poisons as are human beings. If you give a flower too much chloroform, it will not agree with it. In the words of the operator, "it droops and dies." It is difficult to see what is the advantage of this particular study. Everyone knows that flowers can be killed far too easily. If some scientific person would find a way of causing them to bloom all the year round in our climate, that would be something of a discovery-less scientific, perhaps, but much more acceptable-London Truth.

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